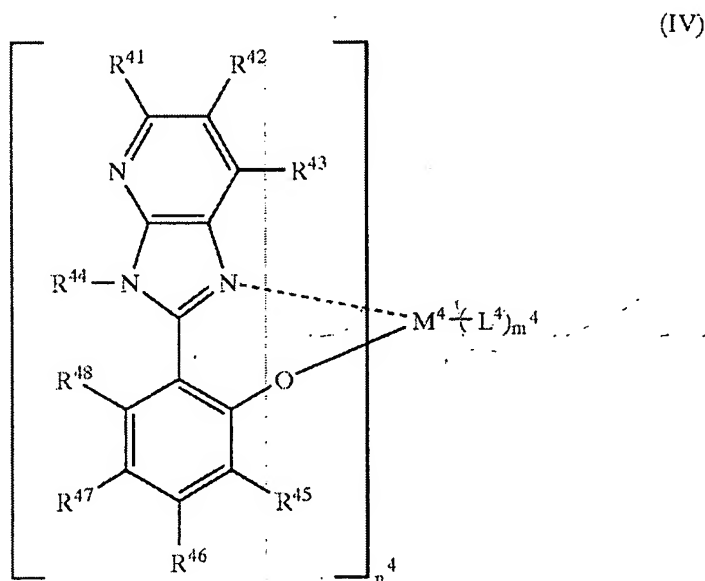


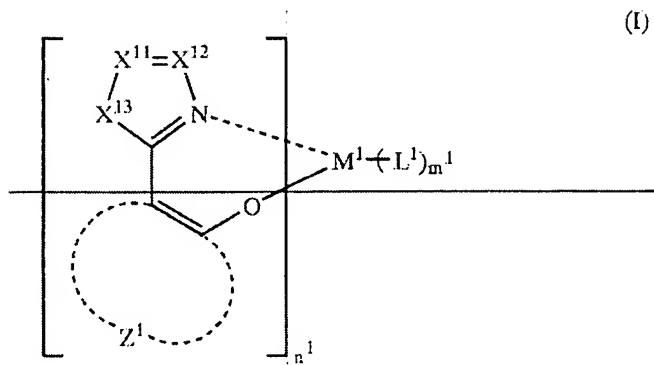
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:
 a pair of electrode; and

at least one organic layer between the pair of electrode, the at least one organic layer including a luminescent layer, wherein the luminescent layer contains at least one phosphorescent material and at least one compound represented by the formula (IV) [(I)]:



wherein R⁴¹, R⁴², and R⁴³ each represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R⁴⁴ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group; R⁴⁵, R⁴⁶, R⁴⁷, and R⁴⁸ each represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a fluoro group or a perfluoro-substituted alkyl group; M⁴ represents a divalent or trivalent metal ion; n⁴ represents an integer of from 1 to 3; L⁴ represents an alkoxy ion, an aryloxy ion or a silyloxy group; and m⁴ represents an integer of from 0 to 2



wherein X^{11} represents a nitrogen atom or C-R¹¹; X^{12} represents a nitrogen atom or C-R¹²; R¹¹ and R¹² each represents an aryl group or an atomic group necessary for forming a heterocycle upon connection between R¹¹ and R¹²; X^{13} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, C(R¹³)R¹⁴, or NR¹⁵; R¹³ and R¹⁴ each represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; R¹⁵ represents an alkyl group, an aryl group or an aromatic heterocyclic group; Z¹ represents an atomic group necessary for forming a 5 membered or 6 membered ring; M¹ represents a divalent or trivalent metal ion; n⁺ represents an integer of 1 or more; L¹ represents an alkoxy ion, an aryloxy ion or a silyloxy group; and m⁺ represents an integer of 0 or more.

2. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a content of the compound of the formula (IV) [(I)] is from 50% to 99.9% by weight in the luminescent layer.

3. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein a content of the compound of the formula (IV) [(I)] is from 60% to 99% by weight in the luminescent layer.

4-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 1 [(6)], wherein M⁴ represents Be²⁺, Mg²⁺, Al³⁺, Zn²⁺, Ga³⁺ or Cu²⁺ and L⁴ represents an aryloxy ion or a silyloxy group.